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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **TAMURA, Tomoichiro, et al.**

Group Art Unit: 3749

Serial No.: **10/549,579**

Examiner: **RINEHART, Kenneth**

Filed: **September 19, 2005**

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FOR: **HEAT PUMP TYPE DRYING APPARATUS, DRYING APPARATUS, AND DRYING METHOD**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 22, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 22, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.